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SUBJECT: HIGHWAY COOPERATION

PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING TO MINISTER OF ROADS SHAHRESTANI
FROM FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATOR NORBERT T. TIEMANN:

QTE. DEAR MR. MINISTER:

I HAVE JUST RETURNED TO WASHINGTON AND FIND THAT YOUR
STAFF AND MINE HAVE BEEN BUSY NEGOTIATING MATTERS OF
EXTREME IMPORTANCE LEADING TO COOPERATION BETWEEN IRAN AND
THE UNITED STATES. THERE ARE URGENT COMMUNICATIONS ON MY
DESK SO I WILL DISPOSE OF THEM AND IN A FEW DAYS WRITE TO
YOU ABOUT MY VERY PLEASANT AND FRUITFUL VISIT WITH YOU IN
TEHRAN.

ON SEPTEMBER 26 AND 27, 1974, JUST PRIOR TO MY ARRIVAL IN
TEHRAN TO VISIT AND CONFER WITH YOU, THE DELEGATION FROM
YOUR MINISTRY OF ROADS AND TRANSPORT CONSISTING OF DR.
KHOSROW PAKDAMAN, DEPUTY MINISTER FOR TECHNICAL AFFAIRS;
MR. A. VAZIRI-ZANJANI, DIRECTOR GENERAL, CONTRACT ADMINIS-
TRATION AND PLANNING; AND MR. M. EHTESHAMI, MANAGER, TEST
LABORATORIES, MET WITH MEMBERS OF MY STAFF IN WASHINGTON
TO CONDUCT IMPORTANT NEGOTIATIONS LEADING TO COOPERATION
BETWEEN YOUR COUNTRY AND MINE IN THE FIELD OF HIGHWAY
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TRANSPORTATION. ONE OF THE CONFERENCES PERTAINED TO THE

VISIT OF THE FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION (FHWA) SURVEY TEAM TO IRAN AS OUTLINED IN MY LETTER TO YOU DATED AUGUST 8, 1974.

ON SEPTEMBER 27, DR. PAKDAMAN AND MY STAFF REACHED AN AGREEMENT ON THE OBJECTIVES FOR THE SURVEY TEAM; THE SUBJECT MATTERS TO BE COVERED IN THE REPORT OF THE TEAM; THE SIZE OF THE TEAM; THE PERSONNEL FOR THE TEAM; THE DATE FOR THE TEAM TO BE AVAILABLE FOR WORK IN TEHRAN; AND THE APPROXIMATE LENGTH OF THE WORK PERIOD: ALL LEADING TO AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN YOUR COUNTRY AND MINE FOR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO YOUR MINISTRY AS YOU PROCEED WITH YOUR LONG TERM HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM. HOWEVER, DR. PAKDAMAN REQUESTED THAT WE OBTAIN YOUR CONCURRENCE IN THE AGREEMENT REACHED.

THE ELEMENTS OF THE AGREEMENT REACHED IN WASHINGTON ARE AS FOLLOWS:

OBJECTIVE

THE OBJECTIVE OF THE SURVEY TEAM IS TO CONFER WITH MINISTRY OF ROADS AND TRANSPORT PERSONNEL ON THE SUBJECTS SPECIFIED, TO MUTUALLY AGREE UPON THE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE NEEDED AND TO PREPARE A REPORT WHICH WILL DETERMINE ON A PRELIMINARY BASIS THE TYPE AND MAGNITUDE OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO BE PROVIDED. THE REPORT WILL BE THE BASIS FOR AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN IRAN AND THE UNITED STATES.

SPECIFIC SUBJECT MATTER

A. DESIGN AND CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION

1. GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

B. CONSTRUCTION CONTROL AND PAVEMENT MAINTENANCE

C. TRAINING

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1. INSPECTORS AND TECHNICIANS

2. LABORATORY METHODS AND PROCEDURES

3. EQUIPMENT OPERATIONS - DEPOTS

A. OPERATORS

B. MECHANICS

4. MAINTENANCE PERSONNEL

D. PROCUREMENT OF EQUIPMENT

1. MANAGEMENT

SURVEY TEAM PERSONNEL

THE SURVEY TEAM WILL CONSIST OF FOUR FEDERAL HIGHWAY
ADMINISTRATION STAFF MEMBERS AS FOLLOWS:

MR. HAROLD KING, FHWA DIVISION ENGINEER, STATE OF
VIRGINIA. MR. KING WILL LEAD THE TEAM. HE IS WELL
QUALIFIED AS A LEADER AND ENGINEER. ITEM A, DESIGN
CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION WILL BE HIS RESPONSIBILITY.

MR. WESLEY S. MENDENHALL, FHWA CHIEF OF THE CONSTRUCTION
AND MAINTENANCE DIVISION. MR. MENDENHALL IS STRONG IN
MANAGEMENT OF CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE AFFAIRS. HIS
RESPONSIBILITY WILL BE ITEM B, CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTEN-
ANCE.

MR. LESTER A. HERR, FHWA CHIEF OF THE BRIDGE DIVISION.
UNTIL SEVERAL MONTHS AGO MR. HERR WAS DIRECTOR OF THE
FHWA NATIONAL HIGHWAY INSTITUTE. HE IS EMINENTLY
QUALIFIED AS AN EDUCATOR. HIS RESPONSIBILITY WILL BE
ITEM C, TRAINING.

MR. ROBERT L. STANLEY, CHIEF OF TECHNICAL SUPPORT, PRO-
CUREMENT DIVISION. MR. STANLEY IS A MECHANICAL ENGINEER
AND WELL QUALIFIED TO ESTABLISH THE LINES OF COMMUNICATION
BETWEEN THE MINISTRY AND THE FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRA-
TION AND TO MANAGE THE PROCUREMENT PROGRAM. HIS
RESPONSIBILITY WILL BE ITEM D, PROCUREMENT OF EQUIPMENT.
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DATE OF AVAILABILITY - WORK PERIOD IN IRAN

IT WAS PROPOSED THAT THE SURVEY TEAM BE IN TEHRAN AND
AVAILABLE TO PROCEED WITH THEIR WORK ON OCTOBER 27, 1974.
THE WORK PERIOD WOULD BE APPROXIMATELY 3 WEEKS.

FINANCING

AS STATED IN MY LETTER TO YOU DATED AUGUST 8, 1974, WE
ESTIMATE THE COST PER PERSON FOR THE SURVEY TEAM TO BE
DOLS 2,350 OR DOLS 9,400 FOR THE FOUR-MAN TEAM. IN ORDER
FOR US TO PROCEED WITH PLANS FOR THE FEDERAL HIGHWAY
ADMINISTRATION TO BE IN TEHRAN BY OCTOBER 27, 1974, IT IS
URGENT THAT YOU POST A LETTER OF CREDIT IN FAVOR OF THE

FHWA IN THE AMOUNT OF DOLS 9,400 AT A UNITED STATES OF AMERICA BANK OF YOUR CHOOSING IN WASHINGTON, D.C. A FULL ACCOUNTING COVERING THE EXPENDITURE OF THESE FUNDS WILL BE MADE TO YOUR GOVERNMENT. ALSO AS PREVIOUSLY STATED, WE WOULD EXPECT YOUR MINISTRY TO PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION, INTERPRETER AND POSSIBLY SECRETARIAL (ENGLISH) SERVICES FOR THE SURVEY TEAM WHILE THEY ARE IN IRAN.

CONCLUSION

IN CONCLUSION, I WISH TO ASSURE YOU THAT WE ARE ANXIOUS TO MOVE ALONG AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE WITH A PROGRAM OF COOPERATION BETWEEN YOUR GOVERNMENT AND MINE. WE SHALL AWAIT YOUR CONCURRENCE IN THE PROGRAM FOR THE FHWA SURVEY TEAM IN IRAN AS SET FORTH IN THIS LETTER AND POSTING OF THE LETTER OF CREDIT BEFORE PROCEEDING WITH FINAL PLANS FOR THE FHWA TEAM TO TRAVEL TO IRAN.

WITH WARM PERSONAL REGARDS.

SINCERELY YOURS, UNQTE. KISSINGER

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